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Jury Finds Destry Girard Guilty of Five Counts Including Felony Resisting an Officer

Office of the District Attorney - Maggie Fleming, District Attorney NEW RELEASE October 17, 2016 Today a Humboldt County jury found 43-year-old Destry Beargrease Girard guilty of felony Resisting an Officer and four misdemeanors: Driving Under the Influence—3rd offense, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving on a Suspended License—2nd offense, and Resisting/Delaying/Obstructing Officers. The charges stemmed from a California Highway Patrol (CHP) investigation that began on March 4, 2015 when a security guard for the Sun Valley bulb farm in Arcata called in a possible traffic accident at the south gate of the property. When CHP Officers and Arcata Fire Department personnel arrived, they found the defendant lying underneath a Harley Davidson motorcycle, unconscious but not injured. Further investigation led CHP Officers to conclude that Mr. Girard drove the motorcycle to the location under the influence of alcohol. One of the CHP Officers was injured when the defendant resisted arrest. Arcata Police Department Officers assisted with the restraint of the defendant, who was then transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. Deputy District Attorney Dave Christensen prosecuted the case with the assistance of District Attorney Investigator Marvin Kirkpatrick. Judge Marilyn Miles will sentence Mr. Girard on November 14, 2016. He faces a maximum sentence of 3 years for the felony charge; additional time and/or fines may be imposed for the misdemeanor charges.

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